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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Advisory Action	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Katarzyna Wyrozebski	1714	

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THE REPLY FILED 07 June 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 - b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
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1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 - (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____.

3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: see attachment to the advisory.
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: none.

Claim(s) objected to: none.

Claim(s) rejected: 1,2,4 and 5.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: none.

8. The drawing correction filed on _____ is a)a) approved or b)b) disapproved by the Examiner.

9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s)(PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.

10. Other: _____


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Primary Examiner
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Attachment to the Advisory

In view of the applicant's amendment after-final following advisory office action is issued. The amendment as submitted will be entered since it does not incorporate any new issues and considerations. The new amendment does not overcome all the prior art rejections of record. Therefore, the rejection over the prior art of SCHOLL'415 is incorporated here by reference.

The prior art of SCHOLL'226 and WOLF'336 do not disclose aluminum hydroxide. They were utilized to provide for limitations of other inorganic powders required by previously submitted claims.

In the amendment after finals filed on 6/7/2004 the applicant's argued following:

- a) The prior art of SCHOLL'415 mentions aluminum hydroxide as one of the many possible fillers.

The examiner agrees. The fact remains that the aluminum hydroxide of SCHOLL is clearly envisioned, taught and disclosed. Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to utilize such filler.

The applicant's further refer the examiner to examples of the present invention (example 1, comparative examples 2 and 3).

The examiner is not clear as to how these examples would distinguish present invention over the prior art of SCHOLL'415, especially when Mohs hardness of the aluminum hydroxide is its property (Documented Moh's hardness for aluminum hydroxide is approximately 3).

The applicants in their discussion also give weight to the aluminum hydroxide having particle size of less than 25 microns, which feature is not part of the claims.

The fillers of the prior art of SCHOLL include siliceous and/or oxidic fillers, wherein in col. 5, lines 5-6 aluminum hydroxide is clearly disclosed as an oxidic filler. They have equivalent Mohs hardness and if they are disclosed as components that can be utilized as equivalents, their particle size has to also be equivalent to obtain the same results (400 nm = 0.4 microns).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Katarzyna Wyrozebski whose telephone number is (571) 272-1127. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 6:30 AM-4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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